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Letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting to the Committee of Ways and Means the letter of Albert Smith, Esq., relative to the N. E. Boundary. March 9, 1844.

Annales des Mines. Quatrième Serie. Tome 3. Liv. 2 and 3; and Tome 4. Liv. 1. In exchange.

A paper by the Rev. D. Zeigler, of York county, Pennsylvania, and a paper by Mr. John L. Le Conte, of New York, both describing new species of North American Coleoptera, (communicated by the Entomological Society of Pennsylvania, through the Rev. Dr. Morris, of Baltimore,) were read and referred to the following Committee: Mr. Haldeman, Dr. McMurtrie, and Mr. Markland.

A paper by Mr. Haldeman, containing descriptions of some new insects, was also read, and referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. McMurtrie, Mr. Markland, and Dr. Goddard.

The Chairman read a letter from Dr. Charles Pickering, dated Cairo, Egypt, January 9, 1844, giving some further views on certain ethnographic subjects, founded on observations made since his arrival in Egypt.

Mr. Ashmead presented a letter from M. Scheepmaker, of Amsterdam, dated October, 1843, addressed to Professor J. P. Durbin, a Correspondent of the Academy, soliciting correspondence with scientific individuals, especially conchologists, in the United States, and exchanges of North American for European shells.

Stated Meeting, April 16, 1844.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Specimen (in skin) of *Grus Canadensis*? from Georgia. From J. Hamilton Couper, Esq.

The fruit, seed vessels, or capsules, of the following plants, from Cienfuegos, Cuba, were presented by Captain H. F.

Baker, through Dr. Blanding : *Anona muricata*, *Anona* ———, *Hæmatoxylon campechianum*, *Bixa orellana*, *Guzuma ulmifolia*, *Cassia bicupularis*, *Laurus* ———, *Anacardium occidentale*.

Also, from the same donor, a collection, in spirits, of reptilia, fishes, and crustacea, and the following species of shells: *Buccinum leucostoma*, *Perna isognomon*, *Pecten zigzag*, *Tellina lacunosa*, *Phasianella angulata*, *Cerithium nigrescens*, *Helix auricoma*, *Cyclostoma* ———; from Cuba.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Historiæ Naturalis de Quadrupedibus libri cum æneis figuris.
Johannes Johnston, M. D. concinnavit. Folio, 1657.
From Mr. William Hembel.

Leonardi Plukenetii Opera ; in 4 Vols. 4to. 2d edition. London : 1699. From the same.

Reports on the coal and mineral resources of India. By John McClelland. Calcutta: 1841. From Mr. S. J. Oakford, through Dr. Morton.

Mr. Phillips read a portion of a letter from Mr. Couper, of Georgia, expressing some doubt respecting the specific character of the bird presented by him this evening, and requesting the attention of the Academy to it.

The subject was referred to Messrs: Phillips, Cassin, and Draper.

Prof. Locke exhibited specimens of the plates of the projected work of Mr. Van Cleve, of Dayton, Ohio ; being a translation of that portion of the writings of Dr. Goldfuss, which relates to American organic remains.